Dear Howard, 6/16/73

Got up earlier than usual this a.m. to go over your mailing of the 12th, which in this case came as fast 3class as 1st. This envelope included NYTimes 6-11 plus a few miscellaneous clips. Of those I've gone over, the nonsense about McCord plotting to use the CIA's staellite system interests me because I regard it as nonsense. All this adds to what I'd already gotten from Chicago is attribution to federal investigators.

Because I've not heard from you, I am assuming you do not plan to return from Phila. with me. We'll be leaving for Broomall later this a.m. and tonight we'll go to my mother's, in Wilmington. We return tomorrow. Monday, early, I go to New York to see the reps of a German publisher on a WG book. Now I regret not taking time to plan it in more detail and on paper because the prospects are slim enough without this added liability.

Bantam has junked its investment in the Mollenhoff book, S & S have delayed the Post reporters' book (this one I think will appear, but as a summary-document and late), so the only immediate competition is junk, in which I include what you report of the Moses project. No useful purpose is served today by a hasty compilation of news accounts.

I note and thank you for the Supt. Docs. 6/8.

Your Moses memo, if we have to be referring to it again, I'm including in a WG file Books, Otherm.

This reminds me of one story I'd like to have if you can get it, I think Wall St. Jour., saying that Nixon had a Rand project on cancelling the 1972 elections. I have heard of this but have never seen anything not rehashing.

Hersh, I understand, is working on a big deal connecting WG and JFK assassination.

When I get time after the bar mitzvah and when the crowd thins I'll see if your folks can give me your present phone, something you neglected. If there is one and you are there we can talk more.

Briefly, so you can know and so you can help more, I'll describe the book I have in mind, Watergate:Fascism's Floodgate. It will say that this is but the big step in a long fascisicization of the country, sort of tip of the iceberg. I begin with an intorduction dealing with my part in resisting and exposing what was not described as but what is this growing authoritarianism, being a victim of parts of it (to illuminate parts of the WG story), and to give the unspohisticated reader a feeling that this authoritarianism is the Ameriform fascism, that gas chambers are not the measure, etc. I will deal with Nixon's career as part of this growth in the book proper, just how I've not fully decided, but parts directly, partly indirectly, I suppose.

I plan a major part of the WG handling in terms of his private gestapo, organized as soon as he learned he could not use the existing federal snoopers as a private gestapo. I&ll be dealing with the fact that they are a gestapo, but an official rather than a personal one, ones not easily converted to his real intents. I'll also be dealing with how the FBI and CIA made such things possible, with the inevitable consequences of their training people for anti-democratic jobs and then turning them loose on society. I may or may not use Fassnacht as an illustration. Hunt will be major in this sense, and I haven't decided on how much detail to use on the FBI. In fact, I've turned my files on these cats over to Lesar for a book The Informers, which he'll get onto as soon as he finishes the Ray appeal to the 6th circuit and the work he'll be doing on our 6/11 hearing before the fed. ct. appeals in DC on spectro and (ugh) the CTIA's Kaiser reports suit, which that court has just combined.

Among the things that interest me most is what shows the fuehrer dedication of these new YAF types, as illuminated by the Reisner, Sloan, Magruder, even Mitchell statements all in one way or another saying that the most important single thing was GL's re-election. No moral qualms, no legal barriers, that at all cost. Combining this in a way with the total GL abandonment of his party and its Congressional and local campaigns. I'll still want for a full file any significant stories, but I ll not be able to and don&t reall want to deal with day-to-day developments as new facts are exposed. I do not plan a book that reports WG. Rather one that explains it, puts it in a meaningful context. I tell you thus because you have been helpful and knowing this can be more so. How I wish you could be here while I am drafting it if I make the deal, to help with retrieval, editing and criticizing! You know how it goes when I get wound up and mush. Best regards